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**WILL ARMAGEDDON™
MAN CREATE
MASS DESTRUCTION?**

**WILL SIRYN™
LOSE HER POWERS?**

**WILL PROUDSTAR™
GET HIS REVENGE?**



**ALL CLUES
POINT TO
YES!**

MOORE CHEUNG MORALES



SUMMERFIELD CANYON,
CALIFORNIA.

TONIGHT, A YOUNG MAN
TRIES DESPERATELY TO
ESCAPE A GROWING STORM --

-- AND A PROFOUND SENSE
OF GUILT FOR LEAVING HIS
FRIENDS TO WEATHER THE
WORST OF THAT STORM
WITHOUT HIM.

WHOO-EE!
DON'T TAKE
THIS PERSONAL,
BUD, BUT YOU
LOOK LIKE A
DROWNED
CAT.



WHAT-
EVER.
CAN I
GET TEN
BUCKS ON
NUMBER
ONE?

SOME
NIGHT, HUH.
NEWS SAYS THE
WEATHER'S GONE
CRAZY UP AND
DOWN THE COAST.
FLASH FLOODS.
TORNADOES.
YOU NAME
IT.

EVERYBODY BLAMES EL NIÑO, BUT IF
YOU ASK ME, IT'S THE GOVERNMENT
TESTING THE SECRET WEATHER
CONTROL SATELLITE NETWORK.

I'M TELLIN'
YA, PAL, IF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE
KNEW HALF OF THE
THINGS THEY SHOT
INTO SPACE
THEY'D D--



WHOA--

DUCK
AND COVER/
DUCK AND
COVER!



WHWE! NOTHING
LIKE A LITTLE EARTH-
QUAKE TO WAKE UP,
HUHF

FELT LIKE
A FIVE POINTER.
BET WE'RE NOT TOO
FAR FROM THE
EPICENTER.



CLOSER
THAN YOU
KNOW.

IN THE REACTOR
TOWER OF THE
SUMMERFIELD
CANYON NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT,
THE ARMAGEDDON
MAN SCREAMS
IN RAGE AND
THE EARTH
TREMBLES.

YEARS AGO, AFTER HE
DESTROYED A SMALL
NEW MEXICO TOWN,
THE UNITED STATES
ARMY IMPRISONED HIM
IN A METABOLIC
SUSPENSION
CHAMBER --

--WHERE FOR
FOUR DECADES HE
REMAINED BARELY
ALIVE, COMPLETELY
UNWARE OF THE
RAPIDLY CHANGING
WORLD OUTSIDE.

NEWLY AWAKENED,
AS THE TURBULENT
ENERGY ONCE AGAIN
BUILDS IN HIS BODY,
HE KNOWS THAT HE
HOLDS THE POWER
TO DESTROY
THE WORLD THAT
WAS SO LONG
DENIED HIM.



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HUNDREDS OF YARDS AWAY, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE POWER PLANT, THE MEMBERS OF X-FORCE FACE THE GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS VOLATILE CREATURE'S REVIVAL --

-- THE MUTANTS CALLING THEMSELVES THE NEW HELLIONS: KING BEDLAM, FERAL, SWITCH, MARGMA AND TAROT.

IN 1959, THEY LABELED THE ARMAGEDDON MAN A MONSTER BECAUSE THEIR NARROW MINDS COULDN'T SEE HIM FOR WHAT HE TRULY WAS --

-- ONE OF THE FIRST GENERATION OF POST-ATOMIC HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR, A MUTANT LIKE EACH ONE OF US.

SENATOR CRAWVILLE EXCEPTED, OF COURSE.

THE STORM OUTSIDE AND THE TREMOR WE JUST EXPERIENCED ARE ONLY THE FIRST OF THE DISASTERS TO COME.

UNLESS MY DEMANDS ARE MET, THE ARMAGEDDON MAN WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE WEST COAST.

HOLD ON, BEDLAM, YOU ASSURED ME NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF I RELAYED YOUR DEMANDS TO WASHINGTON!

WHY COULDN'T YOU WAIT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TO REPLY?

WITHOUT A DEMONSTRATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE DEPLOYING COMMANDOS TO STORM THIS POWER PLANT AS WE SPEAK.

THIS WAY, THEY UNDERSTAND MY THREATS ARE EXTREMELY REAL.

B-BUT YOU CAN'T CONTROL THAT THING. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU OR ME. IT'S AN UNTHINKING ENGINE OF ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION --

BE QUIET, SENATOR. OR I WILL SCRAMBLE YOUR BRAINS UNTIL YOU ARE A GIBBERING IDIOT.

URK!

NOW UNDERSTAND THIS. UNLIKE YOUR SCIENTISTS AND SOLDIERS I DO POSSESS A MEANS TO CONTROL THE ARMAGEDDON MAN.

TAROT, IF YOU PLEASE.

VOILA, CHRISTOPHER.

THIS IS A PSIONIC-AMPLIFIER, DEVELOPED BY ENGLAND'S ULTRA-SECRET BLACK AIR TO ENHANCE TELEPATHIC TRANSMISSIONS.



OBSERVE, THOUGH I CANNOT CONTROL THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S MOVEMENTS...

I TELEPATHICALLY PARALYZE HIM WITH CONFUSION, LEAVING HIM FROZEN LIKE A DEER IN A CAR'S HEADLIGHTS.

NOW, SENATOR, I'M SURE THE PRESIDENT IS UP. WHY DON'T WE CALL HIM AND ARRANGE FOR FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MY OFF-SHORE ACCOUNTS?

AND LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS ISN'T A NEGOTIATION. THE UNITED NATIONS GAVE MAGNETO A COUNTRY.

MY DEMANDS ARE A BARGAIN IN COMPARISON.



WHAT'S THE CALL, SIRYN?

AS LONG AS BEDLAM CONTROLS THE ARMAGEDDON MAN, HE'S GOTTA BE OUR FIRST TARGET.

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST BEFORE BEDLAM TURNS HIS MENTAL POWER ON US.

THEN YOU NEED A DISTRACTION, THERESA, HIT BEDLAM --



--CAUSE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BELONGS TO CANNONBALL!

BLAST IT, SAM. NO, I DIDN'T GIVE THE ORDER!

YOU KNOW HOW GUYS ARE, THERESA. EVEN THE NICEST ONES GET MACHO AND STUPID NOW AND THEN.



DO SOMETHING, BEDLAM. CANNONBALL COULD RUIN EVERYTHING FOR US.

THERE'S A REASON THE ARMY KEPT THE ARMAGEDDON MAN ON ICE FOR FORTY YEARS --

TRY AS THEY MIGHT, THEY COULDN'T KILL HIM. HE'S NEARLY INVULNERABLE.

CANNONBALL'S ABOUT TO MEET THE PROVERBIAL IMMOVABLE OBJECT!

2 **W**HERE SECONDS LATER, IN THE RECTOR BUILDING...

HMM, THE BIG GUY DOESN'T SEEM T'BE AWARE AH'M HERE.

CAN'T SAY AH LIKE SUCKER PUNCHIN' AN OPPONENT, BUT AH DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE NOW.

WALNUT--

OW -- MY FORCE FIELD'S SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ME, BUT I THINK I CRACKED A RIB --

PROBABLY DESERVED THAT FOR RUSHIN' IN WITHOUT THINKIN'. DIDN'T THINK HE COULD MOVE SO FAST.

GUESS HE SHOWED ME.

YEARGH!

HAH! LOOKS LIKE MR. HOLIER THAN THOU GOT KNOCKED OFF HIS HIGH HORSE --

-- I CAN'T IMAGINE IT HAPPENING TO A MORE DESERVING GUY.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, MARIA? WHAT MADE YOU SO COLD-HEARTED?

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SUFFERING, BLONDIE.

DURING MY STAY IN THE VAULT, I FOUND OUT I HAVE THE LEGACY VIRUS.

OH, DON'T LOOK SAID. THE LAST THING I WANT IS YOUR SYMPATHY.

SO I FIGURE, IF I GOTTA DIE FOR NO REASON, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL MY PAIN BEFORE I GO.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME, X-BOYS AND GIRLS.

YOU'VE BEEN OUT-MATCHED FROM THE START.

AS KING BEDLAM GLOATS, THE MEMBERS
OF X-FORCE SURREPTITIOUSLY WATCH
SIRYN'S RIGHT HAND --

--WITH WHICH THEIR SUPERHUMANLY
VOCAL LEADER SILENTLY SIGNALS
THEM TO GET READY --

-- AND
STRIKE!
BEDLAM'S
MINE
PEOPLE.

EEEEEE

AHH! THAT
SOUND...

SOMEONE'S NEEDED
TO SHUT YOU UP FOR
A LONG TIME, IRISH,
AND I
VOLUNTEER!

AAAAH--

THERESA!

SSKRRITCH

...HURCHH...
THROAT...

AFTER THE MASSACRE IN WHICH HIS FAMILY, ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE ON THE CAMP VERDE RESERVATION, WERE MURDERED, JAMES LET ANGER AND HATRED RULE HIS LIFE.

ONLY RECENTLY HAD HE FINALLY MADE PEACE WITH HIS TRAGIC LOSS, AND PUT TO REST THE NEED FOR VENGEANCE THAT ONCE DROVE HIM.

BUT NOW, SEEING HIS BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD VICIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A FORMER TERMINATE --

-- THE ANGER RETURNS.

YOU
PSYCHOPATH!

DEUS EN CEO! SHE'S BLEEDING PRETTY BADLY.

BOBBY, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY. GET SIRYNN TO A HOSPITAL. NOW!

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU... DOMINO TAKE SWITCH... MELTDOWN TAKE FERAL.

I WANT FERAL --

NO, I NEED YOU TO GET TAROT AND BECLAM OUT OF PLAY. I'LL TAKE MAGMA.

RUNNING AWAY, MARIAP? I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO PLAY ROUGH.

BOOM

BOOM

WASS!

BOOM

SORRY, SWITCH. YOU WON'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM ANOTHER BODY AGAIN...

THWEK

WASS!



WELL, DANI, I SEE YOU'VE STEPPED IN AND TAKEN CHARGE OF YOUR NEW TEAM.

BUT IF YOU THINK I'M AS EASILY BEATEN AS FERAL AND SWITCH, YOU'RE OH SO MISTAKEN.

I COMMAND THE MOLTEN EARTH. SO UNLESS YOU CAN STAND THE HEAT, BACK OFF.

YOU'RE ALL *CRAZY!*

SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO GET BACK, AH WAS STILL SHAKING OFF THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S BACKHAND.

GUTHRIE? PUT ME DOWN OR I'LL --

OR YOU'LL WHAT? CHARBROIL ME? DON'T THINK SO. REMEMBER MY FORCE FIELD MAKES ME IMMUNE TO YOUR HEAT.

NO, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK, AMARA, OR ALISON, OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE CALLED THESE DAYS.

AS A FRIEND, I GOTTA TELL YOU, YOU HAVE GONE *WAY* OVER THE EDGE --

WHY? BECAUSE I'VE CHOSEN NOT TO PLAY THE HERO LIKE YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS?

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? XAVIER'S DREAM IS AS MUCH A FANTASY AS AMARA AGUILLA, PRINCESS OF THE LAST ROMAN COLONY.

THE WORLD GIVES MUTANTS NOTHING BUT PAIN AND GRIEF. WHAT'S WRONG WITH USING OUR POWER TO TAKE WHAT WE WANT?



TAROT-- MARIE-- WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO PROTECT CHRISTOPHER BEDLAM --

MY GOD, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?

MY POWER HAS CHANGED SINCE MY REBIRTH, JAMES.

I NOT ONLY PROJECT THE IMAGERY OF THE TAROT ARCANIA, BUT I CAN NOW ASSUME THEIR MANTLE.

I WIELD DEATH'S SCYTHE. DO NOT MAKE ME USE IT.



BEDLAM DOESN'T DESERVE THIS KIND OF LOYALTY, MARIE.

I OWE HIM MY LIFE.



AS THE ENERGY INSIDE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BUILDS EXPONENTIALLY, HE BECOMES A TRANSMISSION TOWER OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER --

-- HIS OWN INNER AGONY MIRRORED AND MAGNIFIED IN AN EVER EXPANDING RADIUS OF CATASTROPHE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, FIFTY FOOT WAVES ROCK THE SCENIC CITY'S MOST FAMOUS LANDMARK.

IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, LIGHTNING STORMS HAVE IGNITED OLD GROWTH FORESTS IN A FIRESTORM OF DESTRUCTION.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TORNADOES RIP THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.

IN PALM SPRINGS, HOTELS ARE LEVELED BY MASSIVE EARTHQUAKES.

AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. AS LONG AS HE LIVES, THE DISASTERS WILL ONLY ESCALATE IN INTENSITY.

HE CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION HE CAUSES. THAT IS HIS CURSE.





Yow!

THIS WHOLE PLACE IS FALLING APART!

THIS IS YOUR FAULT, JESSE.

I SHOULD HAVE LET YOU DIE WITH OUR PARENTS.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

KRASH



YOU DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT THE DAY OUR PARENTS DIED, DO YOU?

DAD WAS THREATENING TO SEND ME AWAY TO MILITARY SCHOOL, BUT I WASN'T GOING TO LET HIM.

HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY POWER. I MADE HIM LOSE CONTROL OF THE WHEEL.

I DROVE HIM INSANE -- JUST LIKE I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU NOW.



WAIT... IT'S NOT WORKING... THE FEEDBACK FROM THE PSI-AMP MUST HAVE AFFECTED MY POWER...



YOU KILLED OUR PARENTS? YOU'RE MORE OF A MONSTER THAN THAT CREATURE OUTSIDE.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I WANT TO HURT YOU, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP MORE.

YOU SAID YOU READ ALL THE MILITARY REPORTS ON THE ARMAGEDDON MAN BEFORE YOU REVIVED HIM.

I'M BETTING YOU KNOW HOW TO TAKE HIM DOWN.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D HELP YOU?

YOU RUINED YEARS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION, AND COST ME A FORTUNE AS WELL.

SUFFER, LITTLE BROTHER. SUFFER.





BY COMMINGLING THE DAMAGED CONCRETE EXTERIOR WITH THE MOLTEN EARTH, I CAN CREATE A BARRIER WHICH WILL HOLD ONCE IT COOLS.

I KNEW YOU'D COME THROUGH, YOU'RE NO KILLER.

NOR AM I A HERO, GUTHRIE. IF WE SURVIVE THIS, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF REJOINING YOUR HOLY CRUSADE.

I INTEND TO USE MY POWERS FOR MY OWN PERSONAL GAIN -- AND I WILL DO SO WITHOUT APOLOGY.

SURE, Y' SAY THAT NOW, BUT AH HAVE FAITH THE GOOD PERSON I KNEW IS STILL INSIDE YOU.

YOU ARE INSUFFERABLE, SAMUEL GUTHRIE.

OUTSIDE, AS THE ARMAGEDDON MAN CONTINUES TO GROW IN STATURE, HIS HOLD ON HIS OWN HUMANITY WEAKENS.

MEMORIES OF THE LIFE HE LED BEFORE HIS MUTANT TRANSFORMATION FADE, BECOMING DISTANT ECHOES IN THE TURBULENT LANDSCAPE OF HIS MIND.

DAVEY CROCKETT.

MICKEY MANTLE.

THAT'LL BE THE DRY.

GENE AUTRY.

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER.

YO-YOS.

MOM.

J. FRED MUGGS.

EISENHOWER.

SPUTNIK.

IRISH MCCALLA.

GUNSMOKE.

SICK SICK SICK.

FATHER KNOWS BEST.

THE ARMAGEDDON MAN'S CONFUSED AND IN PAIN. HIS DESTRUCTIVE RAMPAGE IS TEARING HIM APART.

HOW CAN YOU TELL, DAN? I THOUGHT YOUR PSIONIC ABILITIES WERE HISTORY.

SINCE MY ENCOUNTER WITH ARCADIA, I'VE SEEN THE WORLD IN BROADER SPECTRUMS OF LIGHT AND ENERGY.

MAN, WHEN THAT GIRL SPACED OUT, SHE GOES FULL TILT.

THE ENERGY BUILDING INSIDE THE ARMAGEDDON MAN IS APPROACHING CRITICAL MASS. WE MUST ACT QUICKLY.

SAM, CAN YOU GET ME CLOSE TO HIM?

AH HOPE
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
DOIN', DAN! IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU'VE MASTERED THIS
NEW POWER.

MY MISTAKE
WAS FIGHTING
THE CHANGES THAT
HAVE OCCURRED IN
ME, INSTEAD OF
EMBRACING
THEM.

Y'KNOW, THE
ARMAGEDDON
MAN'S A GOOD
EXAMPLE OF
SOMEONE
CONSUMED BY AN
UNCONTROLLABLE
POWER.

AH'D
HATE
T'SEE THAT
HAPPEN TO YOU.

DON'T
WORRY, SAM.
I'M IN CONTROL..
MY QUANTUM
BLASTS ARE
DISRUPTING THE
AIR AROUND HIM,
Distracting
HIM --

-- SO
THAT THE
CONCUSSIVE
BLASTS OF
TABITHA'S TIME
BOMBS CAN
KNOCK HIM OFF
BALANCE --

-- WHICH
WILL GIVE
JAMES A CHANCE
TO GET UNDER
HIM AND LIFT
HIM INTO THE
AIR...

HE
DID IT,
SAM!
NOW LET
ME DOWN
QUICKLY. THE
LAST PART OF
THIS DEPENDS
ON YOU.

WOOF..

uff..

UP YOU
GO --

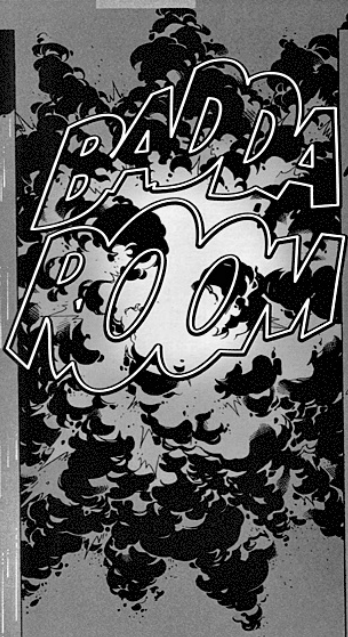


THE A.M.
JUST REACHED
THE ZENITH OF
THE ARC. NOW
HE'S GONNA BE
COMING DOWN
FAST.

AHVE
GOTTA HIT
HIM WITH EVERY-
THING AHVE
GOT WHILE HE'S
IN THE AIR AND
VULNERABLE.

AH
HOPE THIS
WORKS.

**BADA
BOOM**



UNGH!







I DON'T HAVE TO DEFEND MY ACTIONS TO YOU, SON. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS LIKE DURING THE COLD WAR.

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY.

HEADS UP, PEOPLE. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THE HELLIONS --

-- PARADIGM IS HERE! GOING STRAIGHT FOR US.

I HAVE REPAIRED THE DAMAGE DONE TO ME BY YOUR QUANTUM ENERGY, DANIELLE MOONSTAR.

MY RECONFIGURATION MAKES ME ONE HUNDRED AND TEN PERCENT MORE FUNCTIONAL THAN MY PREVIOUS INCARNATION.



PARADIGM TURNED US ALL INTO HIS PUPPETS THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT.

ONE TIME TOO MANY.

NOTHING I HATE MORE THAN SOMEONE MESSING WITH MY MIND.

I SAY WE HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO JOIN THE FIGHT, YOU'RE TOO LATE.

THE OTHER HELLIONS HAVE FLED. THE ARMAGEDDON MAN IS CONTAINED.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENGAGING IN COMBAT WITH YOU A SECOND TIME. I LEARNED MUCH DURING OUR LAST ENCOUNTER.



I KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT YOU, PARADIGM.

I DON'T THINK BEING PART OF THE HELLIONS WILL HELP YOU REACH YOUR NEXT STAGE OF EXISTENCE.



AGREED. I LEAVE IN SEARCH OF NEW BIOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY TO SYNTHESIZE AND INCORPORATE INTO MY OWN BEING.

I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN, DANIEL MOONSTAR. I FIND YOUR OWN TRANSFORMATION MOST INTERESTING.



WELL, ON THAT ENIGMATIC NOTE, I'D SAY IT'S TIME WE FIND A TRUCK TO LOAD THE ARMAGEDDON MAN ON AND HEAD OUT OF HERE.



HOLD ON, YOUNG LADY, YOU DON'T HAVE THE FACILITIES TO SAFELY CONTAIN THE ARMAGEDDON MAN.

THIS IS A MATTER BEST LEFT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.



I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT HE'S RIGHT. WE CAN'T TAKE HIM TO A SAFE HOUSE LIKE WE DID WITH MARY. HE'LL NEVER PASS FOR NORMAL.

BUT HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT HE'S TREATED HUMANELY?

© THE YOUNG MUTANT DEVIANT
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YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT I WILL SEE IT... HE... GETS THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE.

ALL I ASK IN EXCHANGE IS YOUR SILENCE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THE PUBLIC STILL ISN'T READY TO KNOW.



RIGHT, LIKE US.

TELL YOU WHAT, SENATOR. WE'LL BE WATCHING WHAT YOU DO WITH ARMAGEDDON MAN THIS TIME.

IF WE DON'T LIKE IT, WE'LL BE BACK. AND IF YOU THINK THE MELLIONS WERE TROUBLE, WAIT UNTIL YOU GET US MAD.

AND ONE MORE THING, SENATOR. REMEMBER WHO SAVED YOUR BUTT THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE VOTING ON AN ANTI-MUTANT BILL.





REMARKABLY, THE CASUALTIES OF THIS GRIM PERIOD HAVE BEEN FAR LESS THAN EXPECTED GIVEN THE DAMAGE.

MEANWHILE, BOTH METEOROLOGISTS AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER INSTITUTE AND SEISMOLOGISTS AT CAL TECH HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THE FREAK WEATHER AND SEISMIC ACTIVITY.

OUR OWN WEATHER DOCTOR, BURTON KRONKHEIT, WILL HAVE MORE ON THE STORM WATCH LATER --

-- BUT NOW WE GO TO SUMMERFIELD CANYON WHERE HANNAH CALDERON IS LIVE.



HEY, BOBBY. ANY NEWS ON SIKYMP?

NOT YET. THE DOCTOR SAID HE'D TELL ME WHEN SHE GOT OUT OF THE OPERATING ROOM.

I TOLD THEM SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A MOUNTAIN LION.



THANK YOU, DOLORES, I'M HERE AT SUMMERFIELD CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WHERE ARMY HAZMAT TEAMS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN TO CONTAIN A FIRE IN THE LONG CLOSED NUCLEAR FACILITY.



OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RESTART THE PLANT'S DORMANT REACTOR BY A GROUP OF TERRORISTS, BUT THAT GROUP WAS STOPPED.

TYPICAL. WE NEVER GET THE CREDIT.



UNNAMED SOURCES, HOWEVER, HAVE INFORMED THIS REPORTER THAT THESE TERRORISTS MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE MUTANT REVOLUTIONARY GROUP CALLED X-FORCE.



BUT WE ALWAYS GET THE BLAME.



Mr. DACOSTA?

OH, I SEE THERE ARE MORE OF YOU IN YOUR COLORFUL OUTFITS. ARE YOU ALL FAMILY?

CLOSEST THING TO IT.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY, DOCP? HOW'S SHE DOING?



X-CLAMATIONS

Dear X-Clamations,

Congratulations! Issue #87 is one of the best comics I have read in some time. The artwork is excellent. When I heard that Adam Pollina was leaving X-FORCE, I was worried that the artwork would suffer, but I have noticed no drop-off in the quality of penciling on this book. Good job, Jim Cheung.

The writing on #87 was also excellent. The manner in which Mr. Moore focused on the interactions between smaller groups of individuals within X-Force and switched from setting to setting while weaving two sub-plots into the story without confusing the reader reminded me of Chris Claremont's X-MEN work. It's nice to see a team book that focuses on each member of the team. Good job, John Francis Moore.

I'm also glad to see Magma back, although I wish she was on the side of X-Force. And what is up with Paradigm? He looks a lot like Warlock. Is there any relation? That's all for now. I just wanted to say thanks for creating a great comic.

John Eric Quillen
Knoxville, TN

The votes are in, and it's unanimous. Jim Cheung is a hit! We have been fans of his work since his days on MAVERICK, and his pencils just keep getting better. Jim will be drawing an upcoming issue of UNCANNY X-MEN (#371, to be exact), so keep your eyes peeled for that! For more info on Paradigm, John, check out this next letter...

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Dear X-Clamations, X-FORCE #88 was filled with revelations as well as new mysteries.

I had not been aware of Selene's deception of the people of Nova Roma as revealed in NEW WARRIORS. Thanks for clearing up the Amara/Allison confu-

sion for me. So this really is the original Magma? While I'm surprised to see the ease with which the team accepts Magma's apparent betrayal, I love the idea of bringing her back as a villain.

Frankly, the whole New Hellions team is inspired! Sure, it's a new team, yet they are steeped in the history of this title. Throwing Feral into the mix is almost overkill. This is the first group of villains to excite me in a long, long time. That's partly due to the continuity to which the Hellions hearken for a long time reader like myself (since NEW MUTANTS #1.) But, even the new characters provoke the same level of anticipation.

King Bedlam is an assured leader who commands the same sense of danger that the leader of that "crusty old boys club," the Hellfire Club, did. Having him lead the Hellions and having Jesse stay with X-Force (which I assume he will) will keep the tension level high between these two teams.

Of course, it's Paradigm that elicits my most enthusiastic reaction. Obviously Phalanx in nature, he must have, I hope, some connection to Warlock or the Magus. Enigmatic doesn't begin to describe Paradigm. A more personal connection to X-Force only promises more intrigue. I'm looking forward to it!

Scot W. Myers
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The New Hellions are a tough team to beat, Scot. We hope we shocked some of you readers with the new roster! As you can see at the conclusion of this story arc, King Bedlam is still very much alive. Where or when he'll turn up next nobody knows, but it's a sure thing that he'll be up to no good! As far as Paradigm goes, he is not strictly Phalanx or man-made. His powers are a result of experiments performed on him when he was a child. Paradigm is a hybrid of countless technologies, coupled with powerful telekinetic abilities.

If it's Warlock you're looking for, you may be seeing him sooner than you think...but not quite as you remember him!

Dear X-Clamations,

What the...New Hellions?! I'll tell you what! I LOVE it!! The new Hellions are wicked awesome! I honestly know nothing about the old Hellions (except for what was recapped in this issue, thank you for that), so these Hellions being "new" means nothing to me. What does mean something to me is that these guys are sweet!! Paradigm, Magma, Tarot, and King Bedlam. Not to mention the return of Feral!

I love what Jim Cheung has done with her. Gone is the Bride of Frankenstein hairdo. Now all we need is a Feral/Tigra battle to see who's the baddest cat-woman around (either one is better than the one over at the Distinguished Competition). Now THAT would be a cat fight. Mreow!

Speaking of Jim Cheung, how good IS this guy? You probably saw this coming, but he's the best artist X-FORCE has ever seen, and he will be since forever!

The only thing I have left to say is I'm just glad that this was still part two, because that means there's still two issues to go of this awesome run of X-FORCE!

Cameron Duggin
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Thanks for writing, Cameron! We love Feral too, but you shouldn't hold your breath waiting for that Tigra crossover. With all of these former teammates coming out of the woodwork, could something big be just around the corner? Maybe in issue #100? We'll see...

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A FOND FAREWELL FROM THE EDITORS

No, the book's not cancelled, but we are (moving to other books, that is). It's been a great, yet short, run. We (Bobbie & Smitty) just wanna say "thanks for reading" to the fans. And thanks most of all to John, Jim, Mark, Marie, and Richard et. al. It's been a blast! Good luck Jason and Lisa, the new Editorial team supreme!

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